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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF YOUTH FROM THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) On or before July 1, 2009  
4 and annually thereafter, the Commissioners of Children and Families  
5 and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, within available  
6 appropriations, jointly report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
7 general statutes, to the Governor, the joint standing committees of the  
8 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
9 services, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and the  
10 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
11 matters relating to children on the process by which youth transition

12 from the Department of Children and Families to the Department of  
13 Mental Health and Addiction Services.

14 (b) Such report, using data and information specific to the previous  
15 calendar year, shall provide a description of the process of transition,  
16 including:

17 (1) (A) The number of youth in the care of the Department of  
18 Children and Families who are fifteen years of age or older, with ages  
19 delineated, who have been identified, through a formal screening  
20 process developed by the Department of Children and Families, as in  
21 need of referral to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
22 Services, and (B) the number of youth, with ages delineated, referred  
23 from the Department of Children and Families to the Department of  
24 Mental Health and Addiction Services;

25 (2) For each group of youth described in subparagraph (A) of  
26 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (A) the number of youth in each  
27 priority group designated through prioritization criteria established by  
28 the Department of Children and Families and the Department of  
29 Mental Health and Addiction Services, and (B) information on the  
30 status of identified permanency plans;

31 (3) For youth described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of  
32 this subsection, (A) the average length of time between the youth's  
33 sixteenth birthday or the date on which the child is identified as  
34 needing referral, whichever occurs later, and the date of referral to the  
35 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) the average  
36 length of time between the date of referral from the Department of  
37 Children and Families and the date of acceptance for services by the  
38 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (C) a summary  
39 description of the placement settings of such youth at the time of  
40 referral, (D) the number deemed ineligible and a summary description  
41 of the reasons for the denials, and (E) a description of service levels  
42 and placement settings of those accepted for services by the  
43 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

44 (c) For those youth referred from the Department of Children and  
45 Families and accepted into the Department of Mental Health and  
46 Addiction Services' Young Adult Program who are between the ages  
47 of eighteen and twenty-one, the report shall also include: (1) The  
48 average length of time between the youth's eighteenth birthday and  
49 placement in the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
50 service system; (2) the number of youth who refuse, withdraw or are  
51 discharged; (3) the average length of time between acceptance and  
52 refusal, withdrawal or discharge; and (4) a summary description of  
53 reasons for refusal, withdrawal or discharge.

54 (d) In preparing the report, the Departments of Children and  
55 Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall also review  
56 and provide comment on: (1) Any barriers to referral by the date thirty  
57 days after the youth's sixteenth birthday or the date on which the  
58 youth is identified in need of referral, whichever occurs later, of youth  
59 who are in the care of the Department of Children and Families and  
60 who may require services from the Department of Mental Health and  
61 Addiction Services; (2) any barriers to determining whether a youth is  
62 accepted for services by the date thirty days after the date of referral  
63 from the Department of Children and Families; (3) any barriers to  
64 developing appropriate transition plans for youth by the date forty-  
65 five days after the date of determination that a youth is accepted for  
66 services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
67 Services; and (4) any barriers to providing the most clinically  
68 appropriate services to youth, both while in the care of the Department  
69 of Children and Families and later when receiving services from the  
70 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

71 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) On or before July 1, 2009, the  
72 Department of Children and Families shall, within available  
73 appropriations, evaluate the timeliness, effectiveness and quality of the  
74 transition process through a qualitative case review and may contract  
75 with an independent consultant to conduct any or all components of  
76 the review as required by this section. Such review shall be conducted  
77 in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction

78 Services and may include, but not be limited to, an examination of: (1)  
79 The quality of referrals from the Department of Children and Families  
80 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, eligibility  
81 determinations from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
82 Services, and transition plans; (2) how youth experience the transition;  
83 (3) the effectiveness of the transition process in assessing, planning for  
84 and meeting the needs of youth identified as in need of referral to the  
85 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; (4) whether  
86 youth awaiting transition experience discharge delays, the reasons for  
87 any such delays and the barriers to eliminating such delays; and (5)  
88 whether youth transitioning from the Department of Children and  
89 Families to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
90 are at high risk of involvement in the juvenile delinquency and adult  
91 criminal justice systems and, if so, the reasons for such risk, and a  
92 description of best practices to prevent criminal justice involvement.

93 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 17a-11 of the 2008 supplement to the  
94 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
95 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

96 (a) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, admit  
97 to the department on a voluntary basis any child or youth who, in the  
98 commissioner's opinion, could benefit from any of the services offered  
99 or administered by, or under contract with, or otherwise available to,  
100 the department. Application for voluntary admission shall be made in  
101 writing by the parent or guardian of a child under fourteen years of  
102 age or by such person himself or herself if he or she is a child fourteen  
103 years of age or older or a youth. The fact that a parent has applied for  
104 services or received services for his or her child through voluntary  
105 admission shall not be used against the parent (1) in any investigation  
106 conducted by the department in accordance with section 17a-101g, (2)  
107 when making placement decisions for the child, (3) when making  
108 foster care licensing determinations in accordance with section 17a-  
109 114, or (4) in any court proceeding related to the placement of a minor  
110 relative of the parent.

111 Sec. 4. Section 46b-129 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes  
112 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
113 *1, 2008*):

114 (a) Any selectman, town manager, or town, city or borough welfare  
115 department, any probation officer, or the Commissioner of Social  
116 Services, the Commissioner of Children and Families or any child-  
117 caring institution or agency approved by the Commissioner of  
118 Children and Families, a child or such child's representative or  
119 attorney or a foster parent of a child, having information that a child or  
120 youth is neglected, uncared-for or dependent, may file with the  
121 Superior Court that has venue over such matter a verified petition  
122 plainly stating such facts as bring the child or youth within the  
123 jurisdiction of the court as neglected, uncared-for or dependent, within  
124 the meaning of section 46b-120 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
125 statutes, the name, date of birth, sex and residence of the child or  
126 youth, the name and residence of such child's parents or guardian, and  
127 praying for appropriate action by the court in conformity with the  
128 provisions of this chapter. Upon the filing of such a petition, except as  
129 otherwise provided in subsection (k) of section 17a-112, the court shall  
130 cause a summons to be issued requiring the parent or parents or the  
131 guardian of the child or youth to appear in court at the time and place  
132 named, which summons shall be served not less than fourteen days  
133 before the date of the hearing in the manner prescribed by section 46b-  
134 128, and the court shall further give notice to the petitioner and to the  
135 Commissioner of Children and Families of the time and place when  
136 the petition is to be heard not less than fourteen days prior to the  
137 hearing in question.

138 (b) If it appears from the specific allegations of the petition and  
139 other verified affirmations of fact accompanying the petition and  
140 application, or subsequent thereto, that there is reasonable cause to  
141 believe that (1) the child or youth is suffering from serious physical  
142 illness or serious physical injury or is in immediate physical danger  
143 from the child's or youth's surroundings, and (2) that as a result of said  
144 conditions, the child's or youth's safety is endangered and immediate

145 removal from such surroundings is necessary to ensure the child's or  
146 youth's safety, the court shall either (A) issue an order to the parents or  
147 other person having responsibility for the care of the child or youth to  
148 appear at such time as the court may designate to determine whether  
149 the court should vest in some suitable agency or person, including, but  
150 not limited to, a person related to the child by blood or marriage, the  
151 child's or youth's temporary care and custody pending disposition of  
152 the petition, or (B) issue an order ex parte vesting in some suitable  
153 agency or person, including, but not limited to, a person related to the  
154 child by blood or marriage, the child's or youth's temporary care and  
155 custody. A preliminary hearing on any ex parte custody order or order  
156 to appear issued by the court shall be held not later than ten days after  
157 the issuance of such order. The service of such orders may be made by  
158 any officer authorized by law to serve process, or by any probation  
159 officer appointed in accordance with section 46b-123, investigator from  
160 the Department of Administrative Services, state or local police officer  
161 or indifferent person. Such orders shall include a conspicuous notice to  
162 the respondent written in clear and simple language containing at least  
163 the following information: (i) That the order contains allegations that  
164 conditions in the home have endangered the safety and welfare of the  
165 child or youth; (ii) that a hearing will be held on the date on the form;  
166 (iii) that the hearing is the opportunity to present the parents' position  
167 concerning the alleged facts; (iv) that an attorney will be appointed for  
168 parents who cannot afford an attorney; (v) that such parents may  
169 apply for a court-appointed attorney by going in person to the court  
170 address on the form and are advised to go as soon as possible in order  
171 for the attorney to prepare for the hearing; [and] (vi) that such parents  
172 may request the Department of Children and Families to investigate  
173 the possibility of temporarily placing the child or youth with any  
174 person, including a person related to the child or youth by blood or  
175 marriage, who might serve as a licensed foster parent, certified relative  
176 caregiver or temporary custodian for such child or youth; and (vii) if  
177 such parents have any questions concerning the case or appointment  
178 of counsel, any such parent is advised to go to the court or call the  
179 clerk's office at the court as soon as possible. Upon application for

180 appointed counsel, the court shall promptly determine eligibility and,  
181 if the respondent is eligible, promptly appoint counsel. The expense  
182 for any temporary care and custody shall be paid by the town in which  
183 such child or youth is at the time residing, and such town shall be  
184 reimbursed for such expense by the town found liable for the child's or  
185 youth's support, except that where a state agency has filed a petition  
186 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the agency  
187 shall pay such expense. The agency shall give primary consideration to  
188 placing the child or youth in the town where such child or youth  
189 resides. The agency shall make diligent efforts to place the child with a  
190 relative by blood or marriage. The agency shall file in writing with the  
191 clerk of the court the reasons for placing the child or youth in a  
192 particular placement outside the town where the child or youth resides  
193 or the reasons for placing the child or youth in the home of a person  
194 who is not a relative by blood or marriage. Upon issuance of an ex  
195 parte order, the court shall provide to the commissioner and the parent  
196 or guardian specific steps necessary for each to take to address the ex  
197 parte order for the parent or guardian to retain or regain custody of the  
198 child or youth. Upon the issuance of such order, or not later than sixty  
199 days after the issuance of such order, the court shall make a  
200 determination whether the Department of Children and Families made  
201 reasonable efforts to keep the child or youth with his or her parents or  
202 guardian prior to the issuance of such order and, if such efforts were  
203 not made, whether such reasonable efforts were not possible, taking  
204 into consideration the child's or youth's best interests, including the  
205 child's or youth's health and safety.

206 (c) In any proceeding under this section, any grandparent of the  
207 child may make a motion to intervene and the court shall grant such  
208 motion except for good cause shown. Upon the granting of such  
209 motion, such grandparent may appear by counsel or in person.

210 (d) The preliminary hearing on the order of temporary custody or  
211 order to appear or the first hearing on a petition filed pursuant to  
212 subsection (a) of this section shall be held in order for the court to: (1)  
213 Advise the parent or guardian of the allegations contained in all

214 petitions and applications that are the subject of the hearing and the  
215 parent's or guardian's right to counsel pursuant to subsection (b) of  
216 section 46b-135 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes; (2)  
217 assure that an attorney, and where appropriate, a separate guardian ad  
218 litem has been appointed to represent the child or youth in accordance  
219 with subsection (b) of section 46b-123e of the 2008 supplement to the  
220 general statutes and sections 46b-129a and 46b-136 of the 2008  
221 supplement to the general statutes; (3) upon request, appoint an  
222 attorney to represent the respondent when the respondent is unable to  
223 afford representation, in accordance with subsection (b) of section 46b-  
224 123e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes; (4) advise the  
225 parent or guardian of the right to a hearing on the petitions and  
226 applications, to be held not later than ten days after the date of the  
227 preliminary hearing if the hearing is pursuant to an order of temporary  
228 custody or an order to show cause; (5) advise the parents or guardian  
229 of the rights of grandparents in accordance with subsection (c) of this  
230 section; ~~(6)~~ accept a plea regarding the truth of such allegations; ~~[(6)]~~  
231 ~~(7)~~ make any interim orders, including visitation, that the court  
232 determines are in the best interests of the child or youth. The court,  
233 after a hearing pursuant to this subsection, shall order specific steps  
234 the commissioner and the parent or guardian shall take for the parent  
235 or guardian to regain or to retain custody of the child or youth; ~~[(7)]~~ (8)  
236 take steps to determine the identity of the father of the child or youth,  
237 including ordering genetic testing, if necessary, and order service of  
238 the petition and notice of the hearing date, if any, to be made upon  
239 him; ~~[(8)]~~ (9) if the person named as the father appears, and admits that  
240 he is the father, provide him and the mother with the notices that  
241 comply with section 17b-27 and provide them with the opportunity to  
242 sign a paternity acknowledgment and affirmation on forms that  
243 comply with section 17b-27. Such documents shall be executed and  
244 filed in accordance with chapter 815y and a copy delivered to the clerk  
245 of the superior court for juvenile matters; and ~~[(9)]~~ (10) in the event  
246 that the person named as a father appears and denies that he is the  
247 father of the child or youth, advise him that he may have no further  
248 standing in any proceeding concerning the child, and either order



249 genetic testing to determine paternity or direct him to execute a  
250 written denial of paternity on a form promulgated by the Office of the  
251 Chief Court Administrator. Upon execution of such a form by the  
252 putative father, the court may remove him from the case and afford  
253 him no further standing in the case or in any subsequent proceeding  
254 regarding the child or youth until such time as paternity is established  
255 by formal acknowledgment or adjudication in a court of competent  
256 jurisdiction.

257 (e) At the preliminary hearing held in accordance with subsection  
258 (d) of this section, the parents or guardians shall be given an  
259 opportunity to provide names and contact information for any person,  
260 including a person related by blood or marriage, who may be available  
261 as a placement resource. No later than twenty-four hours after the  
262 preliminary hearing, the Department of Children and Families shall  
263 provide written notice in clear and simple language to the persons  
264 identified in accordance with this section. Such notice shall include (1)  
265 notice of the rights of grandparents in accordance with subsection (c)  
266 of this section; (2) an explanation of the process for having the child or  
267 youth placed with the relative; and (3) an explanation of the  
268 consequences for failing to contact the department to pursue  
269 placement.

270 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) If any parent or guardian fails, after service of such order, to  
271 appear at the preliminary hearing, the court may enter or sustain an  
272 order of temporary custody.

273 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Upon request, or upon its own motion, the court shall  
274 schedule a hearing on the order for temporary custody or the order to  
275 show cause to be held not later than ten days after the date of the  
276 preliminary hearing. Such hearing shall be held on consecutive days  
277 except for compelling circumstances or at the request of the parent or  
278 guardian.

279 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) At a contested hearing on the order for temporary custody  
280 or order to appear, credible hearsay evidence regarding statements of

281 the child or youth made to a mandated reporter or to a parent may be  
282 offered by the parties and admitted by the court upon a finding that  
283 the statement is reliable and trustworthy and that admission of such  
284 statement is reasonably necessary. A signed statement executed by a  
285 mandated reporter under oath may be admitted by the court without  
286 the need for the mandated reporter to appear and testify unless called  
287 by a respondent or the child, provided the statement: (1) Was provided  
288 at the preliminary hearing and promptly upon request to any counsel  
289 appearing after the preliminary hearing; (2) reasonably describes the  
290 qualifications of the reporter and the nature of his contact with the  
291 child; and (3) contains only the direct observations of the reporter, and  
292 statements made to the reporter that would be admissible if the  
293 reporter were to testify to them in court and any opinions reasonably  
294 based thereupon. If a respondent or the child gives notice at the  
295 preliminary hearing that he intends to cross-examine the reporter, the  
296 person filing the petition shall make the reporter available for such  
297 examination at the contested hearing.

298 (i) At the contested hearing held in accordance with subsection (h)  
299 of this section, if the child or youth is not placed with a relative, the  
300 Department of Children and Families shall file, in writing with the  
301 clerk of the court, a description of the efforts made to place the child or  
302 youth with a relative and an explanation of the reasons the child or  
303 youth is not placed with a relative.

304 [(h)] (j) If any parent or guardian fails, after due notice of the  
305 hearing scheduled pursuant to subsection [(g)] (h) of this section and  
306 without good cause, to appear at the scheduled date for a contested  
307 hearing on the order of temporary custody or order to appear, the  
308 court may enter or sustain an order of temporary custody.

309 [(i)] (k) When a petition is filed in said court for the commitment of  
310 a child or youth, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall  
311 make a thorough investigation of the case and shall cause to be made a  
312 thorough physical and mental examination of the child or youth if  
313 requested by the court. The court after hearing may also order a

314 thorough physical or mental examination, or both, of a parent or  
315 guardian whose competency or ability to care for a child or youth  
316 before the court is at issue. The expenses incurred in making such  
317 physical and mental examinations shall be paid as costs of  
318 commitment are paid.

319     [(j)] (l) Upon finding and adjudging that any child or youth is  
320 uncared-for, neglected or dependent, the court may commit such child  
321 or youth to the Commissioner of Children and Families. Such  
322 commitment shall remain in effect until further order of the court,  
323 except that such commitment may be revoked or parental rights  
324 terminated at any time by the court, or the court may vest such child's  
325 or youth's care and personal custody in any private or public agency  
326 that is permitted by law to care for neglected, uncared-for or  
327 dependent children or youths or with any person or persons found to  
328 be suitable and worthy of such responsibility by the court. The court  
329 shall order specific steps that the parent must take to facilitate the  
330 return of the child or youth to the custody of such parent. The  
331 commissioner shall be the guardian of such child or youth for the  
332 duration of the commitment, provided the child or youth has not  
333 reached the age of eighteen years or, in the case of a child or youth in  
334 full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college  
335 or a state-accredited job training program, provided such child or  
336 youth has not reached the age of twenty-one years, by consent of such  
337 youth, or until another guardian has been legally appointed, and in  
338 like manner, upon such vesting of the care of such child or youth, such  
339 other public or private agency or individual shall be the guardian of  
340 such child or youth until such child or youth has reached the age of  
341 eighteen years or, in the case of a child or youth in full-time attendance  
342 in a secondary school, a technical school, a college or a state-accredited  
343 job training program, until such child or youth has reached the age of  
344 twenty-one years or until another guardian has been legally appointed.  
345 The commissioner may place any child or youth so committed to the  
346 commissioner in a suitable foster home or in the home of a person  
347 related by blood to such child or youth or in a licensed child-caring

348 institution or in the care and custody of any accredited, licensed or  
349 approved child-caring agency, within or without the state, provided a  
350 child shall not be placed outside the state except for good cause and  
351 unless the parents or guardian of such child are notified in advance of  
352 such placement and given an opportunity to be heard, or in a receiving  
353 home maintained and operated by the Commissioner of Children and  
354 Families. In placing such child or youth, the commissioner shall, if  
355 possible, select a home, agency, institution or person of like religious  
356 faith to that of a parent of such child or youth, if such faith is known or  
357 may be ascertained by reasonable inquiry, provided such home  
358 conforms to the standards of said commissioner and the commissioner  
359 shall, when placing siblings, if possible, place such children together. If  
360 the child or youth has not previously been placed in the care of the  
361 Department of Children and Families pursuant to an order of  
362 temporary custody, and the court enters an order of commitment in  
363 accordance with this subsection, the parents shall be given an  
364 opportunity to provide the name and contact information for any  
365 person, including a person related by blood or marriage, who may be  
366 available as a placement resource and the Department of Children and  
367 Families shall provide written notice in clear and simple language to  
368 the persons identified in accordance with this section no later than  
369 twenty-four hours after the issuance of an order of commitment. Such  
370 notice shall include (1) notice of the rights of grandparents in  
371 accordance with subsection (c) of this section; (2) an explanation of the  
372 process for having the child or youth placed with the relative; and (3)  
373 an explanation of the consequences for failing to contact the  
374 department to pursue placement. If the child or youth is not placed  
375 with a relative by the seventh day after the issuance of the order of  
376 commitment, the Department of Children and Families shall file, in  
377 writing with the clerk of the court, a description of the efforts made to  
378 place the child or youth with a relative and an explanation of the  
379 reasons the child or youth is not placed with a relative. As an  
380 alternative to commitment, the court may place the child or youth in  
381 the custody of the parent or guardian with protective supervision by  
382 the Commissioner of Children and Families subject to conditions

383 established by the court. Upon the issuance of an order committing the  
384 child or youth to the Commissioner of Children and Families, or not  
385 later than sixty days after the issuance of such order, the court shall  
386 determine whether the Department of Children and Families made  
387 reasonable efforts to keep the child or youth with his or her parents or  
388 guardian prior to the issuance of such order and, if such efforts were  
389 not made, whether such reasonable efforts were not possible, taking  
390 into consideration the child's or youth's best interests, including the  
391 child's or youth's health and safety.

392     [(k)] (m) (1) Nine months after placement of the child or youth in the  
393 care and custody of the commissioner pursuant to a voluntary  
394 placement agreement, or removal of a child or youth pursuant to  
395 section 17a-101g or an order issued by a court of competent  
396 jurisdiction, whichever is earlier, the commissioner shall file a motion  
397 for review of a permanency plan. Nine months after a permanency  
398 plan has been approved by the court pursuant to this subsection, the  
399 commissioner shall file a motion for review of the permanency plan.  
400 Any party seeking to oppose the commissioner's permanency plan  
401 shall file a motion in opposition not later than thirty days after the  
402 filing of the commissioner's motion for review of the permanency plan,  
403 which motion shall include the reason therefor. A permanency hearing  
404 on any motion for review of the permanency plan shall be held not  
405 later than ninety days after the filing of such motion. The court shall  
406 hold evidentiary hearings in connection with any contested motion for  
407 review of the permanency plan. The commissioner shall have the  
408 burden of proving that the proposed permanency plan is in the best  
409 interests of the child or youth. After the initial permanency hearing,  
410 subsequent permanency hearings shall be held not less frequently than  
411 every twelve months while the child or youth remains in the custody  
412 of the Commissioner of Children and Families. The court shall provide  
413 notice to the child or youth, and the parent or guardian of such child or  
414 youth of the time and place of the court hearing on any such motion  
415 not less than fourteen days prior to such hearing.

416     (2) At a permanency hearing held in accordance with the provisions

417 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court shall approve a  
418 permanency plan that is in the best interests of the child or youth and  
419 takes into consideration the child's or youth's need for permanency.  
420 The child's or youth's health and safety shall be of paramount concern  
421 in formulating such plan. Such permanency plan may include the goal  
422 of (A) revocation of commitment and reunification of the child or  
423 youth with the parent or guardian, with or without protective  
424 supervision; (B) transfer of guardianship; (C) long-term foster care  
425 with a relative licensed as a foster parent or certified as a relative  
426 caregiver; (D) adoption and filing of termination of parental rights; or  
427 (E) such other planned permanent living arrangement ordered by the  
428 court, provided the Commissioner of Children and Families has  
429 documented a compelling reason why it would not be in the best  
430 interest of the child or youth for the permanency plan to include the  
431 goals in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision. Such  
432 other planned permanent living arrangement may include, but not be  
433 limited to, placement of a child or youth in an independent living  
434 program or long term foster care with an identified foster parent.

435 (3) At a permanency hearing held in accordance with the provisions  
436 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court shall review the status of  
437 the child, the progress being made to implement the permanency plan,  
438 determine a timetable for attaining the permanency plan, determine  
439 the services to be provided to the parent if the court approves a  
440 permanency plan of reunification and the timetable for such services,  
441 and determine whether the commissioner has made reasonable efforts  
442 to achieve the permanency plan. The court may revoke commitment if  
443 a cause for commitment no longer exists and it is in the best interests of  
444 the child or youth.

445 (4) If the court approves the permanency plan of adoption: (A) The  
446 Commissioner of Children and Families shall file a petition for  
447 termination of parental rights not later than sixty days after such  
448 approval if such petition has not previously been filed; (B) the  
449 commissioner may conduct a thorough adoption assessment and  
450 child-specific recruitment; and (C) the court may order that the child

451 be photo-listed within thirty days if the court determines that such  
452 photo-listing is in the best interest of the child. As used in this  
453 subdivision, "thorough adoption assessment" means conducting and  
454 documenting face-to-face interviews with the child, foster care  
455 providers and other significant parties and "child specific recruitment"  
456 means recruiting an adoptive placement targeted to meet the  
457 individual needs of the specific child, including, but not limited to, use  
458 of the media, use of photo-listing services and any other in-state or  
459 out-of-state resources that may be used to meet the specific needs of  
460 the child, unless there are extenuating circumstances that indicate that  
461 such efforts are not in the best interest of the child.

462 [(l)] (n) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall pay  
463 directly to the person or persons furnishing goods or services  
464 determined by said commissioner to be necessary for the care and  
465 maintenance of such child or youth the reasonable expense thereof,  
466 payment to be made at intervals determined by said commissioner;  
467 and the Comptroller shall draw his or her order on the Treasurer, from  
468 time to time, for such part of the appropriation for care of committed  
469 children or youths as may be needed in order to enable the  
470 commissioner to make such payments. The commissioner shall include  
471 in the department's annual budget a sum estimated to be sufficient to  
472 carry out the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding that any such  
473 child or youth has income or estate, the commissioner may pay the  
474 cost of care and maintenance of such child or youth. The commissioner  
475 may bill to and collect from the person in charge of the estate of any  
476 child or youth aided under this chapter, or the payee of such child's or  
477 youth's income, the total amount expended for care of such child or  
478 youth or such portion thereof as any such estate or payee is able to  
479 reimburse, provided the commissioner shall not collect from such  
480 estate or payee any reimbursement for the cost of care or other  
481 expenditures made on behalf of such child or youth from (1) the  
482 proceeds of any cause of action received by such child or youth; (2) any  
483 lottery proceeds due to such child or youth; (3) any inheritance due to  
484 such child or youth; (4) any payment due to such child or youth from a

485 trust other than a trust created pursuant to 42 USC 1396p, as amended  
486 from time to time; or (5) the decedent estate of such child or youth.

487     ~~[(m)]~~ (o) The commissioner, a parent or the child's attorney may file  
488 a motion to revoke a commitment, and, upon finding that cause for  
489 commitment no longer exists, and that such revocation is in the best  
490 interests of such child or youth, the court may revoke the commitment  
491 of such child or youth. No such motion shall be filed more often than  
492 once every six months.

493     ~~[(n)]~~ (p) Upon service on the parent, guardian or other person  
494 having control of the child or youth of any order issued by the court  
495 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (b) and ~~[(j)]~~ (l) of this section,  
496 the child or youth concerned shall be surrendered to the person  
497 serving the order who shall forthwith deliver the child or youth to the  
498 person, agency, department or institution awarded custody in the  
499 order. Upon refusal of the parent, guardian or other person having  
500 control of the child or youth to surrender the child or youth as  
501 provided in the order, the court may cause a warrant to be issued  
502 charging the parent, guardian or other person having control of the  
503 child or youth with contempt of court. If the person arrested is found  
504 in contempt of court, the court may order such person confined until  
505 the person complies with the order, but for not more than six months,  
506 or may fine such person not more than five hundred dollars, or both.

507     ~~[(o)]~~ (q) A foster parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative  
508 caregiver shall receive notice and have the right to be heard for the  
509 purposes of this section in Superior Court in any proceeding  
510 concerning a foster child living with such foster parent, prospective  
511 adoptive parent or relative caregiver. A foster parent, prospective  
512 adoptive parent or relative caregiver who has cared for a child or  
513 youth shall have the right to be heard and comment on the best  
514 interests of such child or youth in any proceeding under this section  
515 which is brought not more than one year after the last day the foster  
516 parent, prospective adoptive parent or relative caregiver provided  
517 such care.



518       [(p)] (r) Upon motion of any sibling of any child committed to the  
519 Department of Children and Families pursuant to this section, such  
520 sibling shall have the right to be heard concerning visitation with, and  
521 placement of, any such child. In awarding any visitation or modifying  
522 any placement, the court shall be guided by the best interests of all  
523 siblings affected by such determination.

524       [(q)] (s) The provisions of section 17a-152, regarding placement of a  
525 child from another state, and section 17a-175, regarding the Interstate  
526 Compact on the Placement of Children, shall apply to placements  
527 pursuant to this section.

528       Sec. 5. Section 17a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

530       (a) The department shall plan, create, develop, operate or arrange  
531 for, administer and evaluate a comprehensive and integrated  
532 state-wide program of services, including preventive services, for  
533 children and youths whose behavior does not conform to the law or to  
534 acceptable community standards, or who are mentally ill, including  
535 deaf and hearing impaired children and youths who are mentally ill,  
536 emotionally disturbed, substance abusers, delinquent, abused,  
537 neglected or uncared for, including all children and youths who are or  
538 may be committed to it by any court, and all children and youths  
539 voluntarily admitted to, or remaining voluntarily under the  
540 supervision of, the commissioner for services of any kind. Services  
541 shall not be denied to any such child or youth solely because of other  
542 complicating or multiple disabilities. The department shall work in  
543 cooperation with other child-serving agencies and organizations to  
544 provide or arrange for preventive programs, including, but not limited  
545 to, teenage pregnancy and youth suicide prevention, for children and  
546 youths and their families. The program shall provide services and  
547 placements that are clinically indicated and appropriate to the needs of  
548 the child or youth. In furtherance of this purpose, the department  
549 shall: (1) Maintain the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and other  
550 appropriate facilities exclusively for delinquents; (2) develop a

551 comprehensive program for prevention of problems of children and  
552 youths and provide a flexible, innovative and effective program for the  
553 placement, care and treatment of children and youths committed by  
554 any court to the department, transferred to the department by other  
555 departments, or voluntarily admitted to the department; (3) provide  
556 appropriate services to families of children and youths as needed to  
557 achieve the purposes of sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, as amended  
558 by this act, 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, and 17a-51; (4) establish  
559 incentive paid work programs for children and youths under the care  
560 of the department and the rates to be paid such children and youths  
561 for work done in such programs and may provide allowances to  
562 children and youths in the custody of the department; (5) be  
563 responsible to collect, interpret and publish statistics relating to  
564 children and youths within the department; (6) conduct studies of any  
565 program, service or facility developed, operated, contracted for or  
566 supported by the department in order to evaluate its effectiveness; (7)  
567 establish staff development and other training and educational  
568 programs designed to improve the quality of departmental services  
569 and programs, provided no social worker trainee shall be assigned a  
570 case load prior to completing training, and may establish educational  
571 or training programs for children, youths, parents or other interested  
572 persons on any matter related to the promotion of the well-being of  
573 children, or the prevention of mental illness, emotional disturbance,  
574 delinquency and other disabilities in children and youths; (8) develop  
575 and implement aftercare and follow-up services appropriate to the  
576 needs of any child or youth under the care of the department; (9)  
577 establish a case audit unit to monitor each area office's compliance  
578 with regulations and procedures; (10) develop and maintain a database  
579 listing available community service programs funded by the  
580 department; (11) provide outreach and assistance to persons caring for  
581 children whose parents are unable to do so by informing such persons  
582 of programs and benefits for which they may be eligible; and (12)  
583 collect data sufficient to identify the housing needs of children served  
584 by the department and share such data with the Department of  
585 Economic and Community Development.

586 [(b) The department shall prepare and submit biennially to the  
587 General Assembly a five-year master plan. The master plan shall  
588 include, but not be limited to: (1) The long-range goals and the current  
589 level of attainment of such goals of the department; (2) a detailed  
590 description of the types and amounts of services presently provided to  
591 the department's clients; (3) a detailed forecast of the service needs of  
592 current and projected target populations; (4) detailed cost projections  
593 for alternate means of meeting projected needs; (5) funding priorities  
594 for each of the five years included in the plan and specific plans  
595 indicating how the funds are to be used; (6) a written plan for the  
596 prevention of child abuse and neglect; (7) a comprehensive mental  
597 health plan for children and adolescents, including children with  
598 complicating or multiple disabilities; (8) a comprehensive plan for  
599 children and youths who are substance abusers, developed in  
600 conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
601 Services pursuant to the provisions of sections 19a-2a and 19a-7; and  
602 (9) an overall assessment of the adequacy of children's services in  
603 Connecticut. The plan shall be prepared within existing funds  
604 appropriated to the department.]

605 (b) (1) The department, with the assistance of the State Advisory  
606 Council on Children and Families, and in consultation with  
607 representatives of the children and families served by the department,  
608 providers of services to children and families, advocates, and others  
609 interested in the well-being of children and families in this state, shall  
610 develop and regularly update a single, comprehensive strategic plan  
611 for meeting the needs of children and families served by the  
612 department. In developing and updating the strategic plan, the  
613 department shall identify and define agency goals and indicators of  
614 progress, including benchmarks, in achieving such goals. The strategic  
615 plan shall include, but not be limited to: (A) The department's mission  
616 statement; (B) the expected results for the department and each of its  
617 mandated areas of responsibility; (C) a schedule of action steps and a  
618 time frame for achieving such results and fulfilling the department's  
619 mission that includes strategies for working with other state agencies

620 to leverage resources and coordinate service delivery; (D) priorities for  
621 services and estimates of the funding and other resources necessary to  
622 carry them out; (E) standards for programs and services that are based  
623 on research-based best practices, when available; and (F) relevant  
624 measures of performance.

625 (2) The department shall begin the strategic planning process on  
626 July 1, 2008. The department shall hold regional meetings on the plan  
627 to ensure public input and shall post the plan and the plan's updates  
628 and progress reports on the department's web site. The department  
629 shall submit the strategic plan to the State Advisory Council on  
630 Children and Families for review and comment prior to its final  
631 submission to the General Assembly and the Governor. On or before  
632 July 1, 2009, the department shall submit the strategic plan, in  
633 accordance with section 11-4a, to the General Assembly and the  
634 Governor.

635 (3) The commissioner shall track and report on progress in  
636 achieving the strategic plan's goals not later than October 1, 2009, and  
637 quarterly thereafter, to said State Advisory Council. The commissioner  
638 shall submit a status report on progress in achieving the results in the  
639 strategic plan, in accordance with section 11-4a, not later than July 1,  
640 2010, and annually thereafter to the General Assembly and the  
641 Governor.

642 (c) The department shall prepare a plan to keep children who are  
643 convicted as delinquent and will be committed to the Department of  
644 Children and Families and placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
645 School in such facility for at least one year after their referral to the  
646 department, which plan shall include provisions for development of a  
647 comprehensive approach to juvenile rehabilitation.

648 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 17a-6 of the general statutes is  
649 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
650 *1, 2008*):

651 (b) Administer in a coordinated and integrated manner all

652 institutions and facilities which are or may come under the jurisdiction  
653 of the department and [may] shall appoint advisory groups for any  
654 such institution or facility.

655       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The facilities that come  
656 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families, as  
657 enumerated in section 17a-32 of the general statutes, shall submit an  
658 annual report to the State Advisory Council on Children and Families  
659 and to their respective advisory groups, established pursuant to  
660 subsection (b) of section 17a-6 of the general statutes, as amended by  
661 this act. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Aggregate  
662 profiles of the residents; (2) a description of and update on major  
663 initiatives; (3) key outcome indicators and results; (4) costs associated  
664 with operating the facility; and (5) a description of educational,  
665 vocational and literacy programs, and behavioral, treatment and other  
666 services available to the residents and their outcomes. Each report  
667 submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be posted on the  
668 department's web site.

669       (b) Such advisory groups shall respond to their facility's annual  
670 report, as required by subsection (a) of this section, and provide any  
671 recommendations for improvement or enhancement that they deem  
672 necessary.

673       (c) The Department of Children and Families shall serve as  
674 administrative staff of such advisory groups.

675       Sec. 8. Section 17a-27f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
676 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

677       [(a) The Department of Children and Families shall establish a  
678 public safety committee in the municipality in which the Connecticut  
679 Juvenile Training School is located. The committee shall be composed  
680 of the superintendent of said school and representatives appointed by  
681 the chief elected official of the municipality. The committee shall meet  
682 not less than quarterly to review safety and security issues which affect  
683 the host municipality.]

684        [(b)] At the time the Connecticut Juvenile Training School becomes  
685        operational, the Department of Children and Families shall ensure that  
686        a community security and alert system [shall be] is functional.

687        Sec. 9. Section 46a-13l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
688        following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

689        (a) The Child Advocate shall:

690        (1) Evaluate the delivery of services to children by state agencies  
691        and those entities that provide services to children through funds  
692        provided by the state;

693        (2) Review periodically the procedures established by any state  
694        agency providing services to children to carry out the provisions of  
695        sections 46a-13k to 46a-13q, inclusive, with a view toward the rights of  
696        the children and recommend revisions to such procedures;

697        (3) Review complaints of persons concerning the actions of any state  
698        or municipal agency providing services to children and of any entity  
699        that provides services to children through funds provided by the state,  
700        make appropriate referrals and investigate those where the Child  
701        Advocate determines that a child or family may be in need of  
702        assistance from the Child Advocate or that a systemic issue in the  
703        state's provision of services to children is raised by the complaint;

704        (4) Pursuant to an investigation, provide assistance to a child or  
705        family who the Child Advocate determines is in need of such  
706        assistance including, but not limited to, advocating with an agency,  
707        provider or others on behalf of the best interests of the child;

708        (5) Periodically review the facilities and procedures of any and all  
709        institutions or residences, public or private, where a juvenile has been  
710        placed by any agency or department;

711        (6) Recommend changes in state policies concerning children  
712        including changes in the system of providing juvenile justice, child  
713        care, foster care and treatment;

714 (7) Take all possible action including, but not limited to, conducting  
715 programs of public education, undertaking legislative advocacy and  
716 making proposals for systemic reform and formal legal action, in order  
717 to secure and ensure the legal, civil and special rights of children who  
718 reside in this state;

719 (8) Provide training and technical assistance to attorneys  
720 representing children and guardians ad litem appointed by the  
721 Superior Court;

722 (9) Periodically review the number of special needs children in any  
723 foster care or permanent care facility and recommend changes in the  
724 policies and procedures for the placement of such children;

725 (10) Serve or designate a person to serve as a member of the child  
726 fatality review panel established in subsection (b) of this section; and

727 (11) Take appropriate steps to advise the public of the services of the  
728 Office of the Child Advocate, the purpose of the office and procedures  
729 to contact the office.

730 (b) There is established a child fatality review panel composed of  
731 thirteen permanent members as follows: The Child Advocate, or a  
732 designee; the Commissioners of Children and Families, Public Health  
733 and Public Safety, or their designees; the Chief Medical Examiner, or a  
734 designee; the Chief State's Attorney, or a designee; a pediatrician,  
735 appointed by the Governor; a representative of law enforcement,  
736 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; an attorney,  
737 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; a social work  
738 professional, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; a  
739 representative of a community service group appointed by the speaker  
740 of the House of Representatives; a psychologist, appointed by the  
741 majority leader of the House of Representatives; and an injury  
742 prevention representative, appointed by the minority leader of the  
743 House of Representatives. A majority of the panel may select not more  
744 than three additional temporary members with particular expertise or  
745 interest to serve on the panel. Such temporary members shall have the

746 same duties and powers as the permanent members of the panel. The  
747 chairperson shall be elected from among the panel's permanent  
748 members. The panel shall, to the greatest extent possible, reflect the  
749 ethnic, cultural and geographic diversity of the state.

750 (c) The panel shall review the circumstances of the death of a child  
751 placed in out-of-home care or whose death was due to unexpected or  
752 unexplained causes to facilitate development of prevention strategies  
753 to address identified trends and patterns of risk and to improve  
754 coordination of services for children and families in the state. Members  
755 of the panel shall not be compensated for their services, but may be  
756 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
757 their duties.

758 (d) On or before January 1, 2000, and annually thereafter, the panel  
759 shall issue an annual report which shall include its findings and  
760 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on its  
761 review of child fatalities for the preceding year.

762 (e) Upon request of two-thirds of the members of the panel and  
763 within available appropriations, the Governor, the General Assembly  
764 or at the Child Advocate's discretion, the Child Advocate shall conduct  
765 an in-depth investigation and review and issue a report with  
766 recommendations on the death or critical incident of a child. The  
767 report shall be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly and  
768 the commissioner of any state agency cited in the report and shall be  
769 made available to the general public.

770 (f) Any state agency cited in a report issued by the Office of the  
771 Child Advocate, pursuant to the Child Advocate's responsibilities  
772 under this section, shall submit a written response to the report and  
773 recommendations made in the report to the Office of the Child  
774 Advocate and, in the case of a report pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
775 section, to the child fatality review panel not later than sixty days after  
776 the receipt of such report and recommendations. The agency shall also  
777 submit a copy of such response to the Governor and the General



778 Assembly. The response shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
779 Proposed corrective actions to address identified problems; and (2) a  
780 time frame for implementation of improvements.

781 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The Chief Medical Examiner shall provide timely notice to  
782 the Child Advocate and to the chairperson of the child fatality review  
783 panel of the death of any child that is to be investigated pursuant to  
784 section 19a-406.

785 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Any agency having responsibility for the custody or care of  
786 children shall provide timely notice to the Child Advocate and the  
787 chairperson of the child fatality review panel of the death of a child or  
788 a critical incident involving a child in its custody or care.

789 Sec. 10. Section 17a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
790 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

791 (a) There shall be a State Advisory Council on Children and  
792 Families which shall consist of seventeen members appointed by the  
793 Governor, including at least five persons who are child care  
794 professionals, two persons aged eighteen to twenty-five, inclusive,  
795 served by the Department of Children and Families, one child  
796 psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this state and at least one  
797 attorney who has expertise in legal issues related to children and  
798 youth. The balance of the advisory council shall be representative of  
799 young persons, parents and others interested in the delivery of services  
800 to children and youths, including child protection, behavioral health,  
801 juvenile justice and prevention services. No less than fifty per cent of  
802 the council's members shall be parents or family members of children  
803 who have received, or are receiving, behavioral health services, child  
804 welfare services or juvenile services and no more than half the  
805 members of the council shall be persons who receive income from a  
806 private practice or any public or private agency that delivers mental  
807 health, substance abuse, child abuse prevention and treatment, child  
808 welfare services or juvenile services. Members of the council shall  
809 serve without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in

810 the performance of their duties. The department shall provide the  
811 council with funding to facilitate the participation of those members  
812 representing families and youth, as well as for other administrative  
813 support services. Members shall serve on the council for terms of two  
814 years each and no member shall serve for more than two consecutive  
815 terms. The commissioner shall be an ex-officio member of the council  
816 without vote and shall attend its meetings. Any member who fails to  
817 attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all meetings  
818 during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. The  
819 council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to act in the  
820 chairperson's absence.

821 (b) The council shall meet quarterly, and more often upon the call of  
822 the chair or a majority of the members. The council's meetings shall be  
823 held at locations that facilitate participation by members of the public,  
824 and its agenda and minutes shall be posted on the department's web  
825 site. A majority of the members in office, but not less than six  
826 members, shall constitute a quorum. The council shall have complete  
827 access to all records of the institutions and facilities of the department  
828 in furtherance of its duties, while at all times protecting the right of  
829 privacy of all individuals involved, as provided in section 17a-28 of the  
830 2008 supplement to the general statutes.

831 (c) The duties of the council shall be to: (1) Recommend to the  
832 commissioner programs, legislation or other matters which will  
833 improve services for children and youths, including behavioral health  
834 services; (2) annually review and advise the commissioner regarding  
835 the proposed budget; (3) interpret to the community at large the  
836 policies, duties and programs of the department; [and] (4) issue any  
837 reports it deems necessary to the Governor and the Commissioner of  
838 Children and Families; (5) establish a committee, in accordance with  
839 this subdivision, to fulfill the state's mental health planning and  
840 advisory council responsibilities under Public Laws 99-660, 101-639  
841 and 102-321. The committee shall be appointed by the chairperson of  
842 the council and shall consist of individuals who are knowledgeable  
843 about issues relative to children and youth in need of behavioral health

844 services and family supports, including, but not limited to, parents and  
845 guardians of children and youth with behavioral health needs; (6)  
846 assist in the development of and review and comment on the strategic  
847 plan developed by the department, pursuant to subsection (b) of  
848 section 17a-3, as amended by this act; (7) receive on a quarterly basis  
849 from the commissioner a status report on the department's progress in  
850 carrying out the strategic plan; (8) independently monitor the  
851 department's progress in achieving its goals as expressed in the  
852 strategic plan; and (9) offer assistance and provide an outside  
853 perspective to the department so that it may be able to achieve the  
854 goals expressed in the strategic plan.

855 Sec. 11. Section 17a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
856 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

857 As used in sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, as amended by this  
858 act, 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, 17a-127 and 46b-120 of the 2008  
859 supplement to the general statutes, unless otherwise provided in said  
860 sections:

861 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Children and  
862 Families;

863 (2) "Council" means the State Advisory Council on Children and  
864 Families;

865 [(3) "Advisory committee" means the Children's Behavioral Health  
866 Advisory Committee to the council;]

867 [(4)] (3) "Department" means the Department of Children and  
868 Families;

869 [(5)] (4) "Child" means any person under sixteen years of age;

870 [(6)] (5) "Youth" means any person at least sixteen years of age and  
871 under nineteen years of age;

872 [(7)] (6) "Delinquent child" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto

873 in section 46b-120 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes;

874 [(8)] (7) "Child or youth with behavioral health needs" means a child  
875 or youth who is suffering from one or more mental disorders as  
876 defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric  
877 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders";

878 [(9)] (8) "Individual service plan" means a written plan to access  
879 specialized, coordinated and integrated care for a child or youth with  
880 complex behavioral health service needs that is designed to meet the  
881 needs of the child or youth and his or her family and may include,  
882 when appropriate (A) an assessment of the individual needs of the  
883 child or youth, (B) an identification of service needs, (C) an  
884 identification of services that are currently being provided, (D) an  
885 identification of opportunities for full participation by parents or  
886 emancipated minors, (E) a reintegration plan when an out-of-home  
887 placement is made or recommended, (F) an identification of criteria for  
888 evaluating the effectiveness and appropriateness of such plan, and (G)  
889 coordination of the individual service plan with any educational  
890 services provided to the child or youth. The plan shall be subject to  
891 review at least every six months or upon reasonable request by the  
892 parent based on a changed circumstance, and be approved, in writing,  
893 by the parents, guardian of a child or youth and emancipated minors;

894 [(10)] (9) "Family" means a child or youth with behavioral health  
895 needs and (A) one or more biological or adoptive parents, except for a  
896 parent whose parental rights have been terminated, (B) one or more  
897 persons to whom legal custody or guardianship has been given, or (C)  
898 one or more adults who have a primary responsibility for providing  
899 continuous care to such child or youth;

900 [(11)] (10) "Parent" means a biological or adoptive parent, except a  
901 parent whose parental rights have been terminated;

902 [(12)] (11) "Guardian" means a person who has a judicially created  
903 relationship between a child or youth and such person that is intended  
904 to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by the transfer to

905 such person of the following parental rights with respect to the child or  
906 youth: (A) The obligation of care and control; (B) the authority to make  
907 major decisions affecting the child's or youth's welfare, including, but  
908 not limited to, consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment  
909 in the armed forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical  
910 treatment; (C) the obligation of protection of the child or youth; (D) the  
911 obligation to provide access to education; and (E) custody of the child  
912 or youth;

913 [(13)] (12) "Serious emotional disturbance" and "seriously  
914 emotionally disturbed" means, with regard to a child or youth, that the  
915 child or youth (A) has a range of diagnosable mental, behavioral or  
916 emotional disorders of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria  
917 specified in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric  
918 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders",  
919 and (B) exhibits behaviors that substantially interfere with or limit the  
920 child's or youth's ability to function in the family, school or community  
921 and are not a temporary response to a stressful situation;

922 [(14)] (13) "Child or youth with complex behavioral health service  
923 needs" means a child or youth with behavioral health needs who needs  
924 specialized, coordinated behavioral health services;

925 [(15)] (14) "Transition services" means services in the areas of  
926 education, employment, housing and community living designed to  
927 assist a youth with a serious emotional disturbance who is  
928 transitioning into adulthood; and

929 [(16)] (15) "Community collaborative" means a local consortium of  
930 public and private health care providers, parents and guardians of  
931 children with behavioral health needs and service and education  
932 agencies that have organized to develop coordinated comprehensive  
933 community resources for children or youths with complex behavioral  
934 health service needs and their families in accordance with principles  
935 and goals of Connecticut Community KidCare.

936 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 17a-22b of the general statutes is

937 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
938 *1, 2008*):

939 (a) Each community collaborative shall, within available  
940 appropriations, (1) complete a local needs assessment which shall  
941 include objectives and performance measures, (2) specify the number  
942 of children and youths requiring behavioral health services, and (3)  
943 specify the number of children and youths actually receiving  
944 community-based and residential services and the type and frequency  
945 of such services, [, and (4) complete an annual self-evaluation process  
946 and a review of discharge summaries.] Each community collaborative  
947 shall submit its local needs assessment to the Commissioner of  
948 Children and Families and the Commissioner of Social Services.

949 Sec. 13. Section 17a-145 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
950 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
951 (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

952 No person or entity shall care for or board a child without a license  
953 obtained from the Commissioner of Children and Families, except: (1)  
954 When a child has been placed by a person or entity holding a license  
955 from the commissioner; (2) any residential educational institution  
956 exempted by the state Board of Education under the provisions of  
957 section 17a-152; (3) residential facilities licensed by the Department of  
958 Developmental Services pursuant to section 17a-227 of the 2008  
959 supplement to the general statutes; (4) facilities providing child day  
960 care services, as defined in section 19a-77 of the 2008 supplement to the  
961 general statutes; or (5) any home that houses students participating in  
962 a program described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (8) of section  
963 10a-29. The person or entity seeking a child-care facility license shall  
964 file with the commissioner an application for a license, in such form as  
965 the commissioner furnishes, stating the location where it is proposed  
966 to care for such child, the number of children to be cared for, in the  
967 case of a corporation, the purpose of the corporation and the names of  
968 its chief officers and of the actual person responsible for the child. The  
969 Commissioner of Children and Families is authorized to fix the

970 maximum number of children to be boarded and cared for in any such  
971 home or institution or by any person or entity licensed by the  
972 commissioner. [Each person or entity holding a license under the  
973 provisions of this section shall file annually, with the commissioner, a  
974 report stating the number of children received and removed during  
975 the year, the number of deaths and the causes of death, the average  
976 cost of support per capita and such other data as the commissioner  
977 may prescribe.] If the population served at any facility, institution or  
978 home operated by any person or entity licensed under this section  
979 changes after such license is issued, such person or entity shall file a  
980 new license application with the commissioner, and the commissioner  
981 shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the  
982 facility is located of such new license application, except that no  
983 confidential client information may be disclosed.

984 Sec. 14. Section 17a-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
985 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

986 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall establish a  
987 school district within the Department of Children and Families, for the  
988 education or assistance of any child or youth who resides in or receives  
989 day treatment at any state-operated institution or facility within that  
990 department and whose needs require that his education be provided  
991 within the institution in which he resides or at which he receives day  
992 treatment. The school district shall be known as State of Connecticut-  
993 Unified School District #2. The Commissioner of Children and  
994 Families shall administer, coordinate and control the operations of the  
995 school district and shall be responsible for the overall supervision and  
996 direction of all courses and activities of the school district and shall  
997 establish such vocational and academic education, research and  
998 statistics, training and development services and programs as he  
999 considers necessary or advisable in the best interests of the persons  
1000 benefiting therefrom. The commissioner or his designee shall be the  
1001 superintendent of said district and shall act in accordance with the  
1002 applicable provisions of section 10-157 of the 2008 supplement to the  
1003 general statutes.

1004 (b) The superintendent of the school district shall have the power to  
1005 (1) establish and maintain within the Department of Children and  
1006 Families such schools of different grades as he may from time to time  
1007 require and deem necessary; (2) establish and maintain within the  
1008 department such school libraries as may from time to time be required  
1009 in connection with the educational courses, services and programs  
1010 authorized by this section; (3) purchase, receive, hold and convey  
1011 personal property for school purposes and equip and supply such  
1012 schools with necessary furniture and other appendages; (4) make  
1013 agreements and regulations for the establishing and conducting of the  
1014 district's schools and employ and dismiss, in accordance with the  
1015 applicable provisions of section 10-151, such teachers as are necessary  
1016 to carry out the intent of this section and to pay their salaries; (5)  
1017 receive any federal funds or aid made available to the state for such  
1018 programs and shall be eligible for and may receive any other funds or  
1019 aid whether private, state or otherwise, to be used for the purposes of  
1020 this section.

1021 (c) The superintendent of the school district may cooperate with the  
1022 federal government in carrying out the purposes of any federal law  
1023 pertaining to the education of students within his school district, and  
1024 may adopt such methods of administration as are found by the federal  
1025 government to be necessary, and may comply with such conditions as  
1026 may be necessary to secure the full benefit of all such federal funds  
1027 available.

1028 [(d) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall annually  
1029 evaluate the progress and accomplishments of the school district  
1030 established in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Said  
1031 commissioner shall submit annual evaluation reports to the  
1032 Commissioner of Education in order to apprise the State Board of  
1033 Education of the true condition, progress and needs of said school  
1034 district. Said commissioner shall follow procedures adopted by the  
1035 Commissioner of Education in preparation of annual evaluation  
1036 reports.]



1037 Sec. 15. Section 17a-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1038 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1039 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families and the  
1040 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish performance measures  
1041 in the areas of finance, administration, utilization, client satisfaction,  
1042 quality and access for Connecticut Community KidCare.

1043 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop and  
1044 implement, within available appropriations, culturally appropriate  
1045 and competency-based curricula including best practices for the care of  
1046 children and youths with, or at risk of, behavioral health needs and  
1047 offer training to all willing persons involved in Connecticut  
1048 Community KidCare, including, but not limited to, employees in  
1049 education and child care and appropriate employees within the  
1050 judicial system.

1051 [(c) The Commissioners of Children and Families and Social  
1052 Services shall, within available appropriations, design and conduct a  
1053 five-year independent longitudinal evaluation with evaluation goals  
1054 and methods utilizing an independent evaluator. The evaluation shall  
1055 assess changes in outcomes for individual children, youths and  
1056 families, evaluate the effectiveness of the overall initiative in the early  
1057 phases to guide future expansion of Connecticut Community KidCare  
1058 and examine benefits, costs and cost avoidance achieved by it. Such  
1059 evaluation may include, but is not limited to, the following: (1)  
1060 Utilization of out-of-home placements; (2) adherence to system of care  
1061 principles; (3) school attendance; (4) delinquency recidivism rates; (5)  
1062 satisfaction of families and children and youths with Connecticut  
1063 Community KidCare as assessed through client satisfaction surveys;  
1064 (6) coordination of Connecticut Community KidCare with the juvenile  
1065 justice, child protection, adult behavioral health and education  
1066 systems; and (7) the quality of transition services.]

1067 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) The Commissioner of  
1068 Children and Families and the Chief Court Administrator shall

1069 establish, within available appropriations, a pilot program to integrate  
1070 the initial written plan for care, treatment and permanent placement of  
1071 children and youth required under section 17a-15 of the general  
1072 statutes, with the specific steps for family reunification ordered by the  
1073 court pursuant to subsection (j) of section 46b-129 of the 2008  
1074 supplement to the general statutes. The Commissioner of Children and  
1075 Families, in consultation with said Chief Court Administrator, shall  
1076 designate one Department of Children and Families area office to  
1077 participate in the pilot program. The pilot program shall terminate not  
1078 later than October 1, 2010.

1079 (b) A court services officer of the court participating in the pilot  
1080 program shall be responsible for convening a meeting to promptly  
1081 develop the initial treatment plan and proposed specific steps for the  
1082 child and family, and shall invite the parents or guardians, the child or  
1083 youth, when appropriate, and their respective attorneys, department  
1084 staff responsible for developing and implementing treatment plans,  
1085 and individuals involved in assessing needs and providing services for  
1086 the child and family. Whenever possible, such meetings shall be  
1087 convened at times and held in places that maximize the likelihood that  
1088 children, youth and their parents or guardians will be able to attend.

1089 (c) Following the meeting, the court shall order specific steps that  
1090 the parent must take to facilitate the return of the child or youth to the  
1091 custody of such parent. In addition to satisfying the requirements set  
1092 forth in subsection (a) of section 17a-15 of the general statutes for the  
1093 Department of Children and Families' written plan for the care,  
1094 treatment and permanent placement of every child under the  
1095 commissioner's supervision, the plan shall also include, but not be  
1096 limited to: (1) Assessment of the health and welfare of the child or  
1097 youth; (2) an evaluation of the problems and strengths of each child or  
1098 youth; (3) the proposed plan of treatment services and temporary  
1099 placement, and a goal for permanent placement of the child or youth;  
1100 and (4) specific planning goals and clear, comprehensive, time-  
1101 sensitive action steps for educational and behavioral health needs.

1102 (d) The Commissioner of Children and Families and the Chief Court  
1103 Administrator shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
1104 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
1105 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
1106 judiciary and the select committee of the General Assembly having  
1107 cognizance of matters relating to children not later than February 1,  
1108 2011, concerning the results of such pilot program. The report shall  
1109 also include a recommendation on whether the program should be  
1110 expanded state-wide.

1111 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 17a-450a of the 2008 supplement to  
1112 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1113 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1114 (b) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall  
1115 constitute a successor department to the addiction services component  
1116 of the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services. Whenever  
1117 the words "Commissioner of Public Health and Addiction Services" are  
1118 used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words  
1119 "Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be  
1120 substituted in lieu thereof and whenever the words "Department of  
1121 Public Health and Addiction Services" are used or referred to in the  
1122 following general statutes, the words "Department of Mental Health  
1123 and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 4a-12 of  
1124 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, [17a-3,] 17a-465a, 17a-670  
1125 to 17a-676, inclusive, 17a-678 to 17a-682, inclusive, 17a-684 to 17a-687,  
1126 inclusive, 17a-691, 17a-694, 17a-710, 17a-712, 17a-713 19a-89c, 20-74o,  
1127 20-74p, 20-74q, 21a-274a, 54-36i and 54-56g of the 2008 supplement to  
1128 the general statutes.

1129 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 17a-210c of the 2008 supplement to  
1130 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1131 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1132 (b) Whenever the term "Commissioner of Mental Retardation" is  
1133 used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the

1134 term "Commissioner of Developmental Services" shall be substituted  
1135 in lieu thereof: 4-5 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 4b-3  
1136 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 4b-23 of the 2008  
1137 supplement to the general statutes, 8-3e of the 2008 supplement to the  
1138 general statutes, 10-76i of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes,  
1139 [17a-4a,] 17a-22a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1140 210 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-212, 17a-212a of  
1141 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-214 of the 2008  
1142 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-215a of the 2008 supplement to  
1143 the general statutes, 17a-215b of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1144 statutes, 17a-217a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1145 218 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-218a of the 2008  
1146 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-225 of the 2008 supplement to  
1147 the general statutes, 17a-226 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1148 statutes, 17a-227a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1149 228 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-229 of the 2008  
1150 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-230 of the 2008 supplement to  
1151 the general statutes, 17a-232 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1152 statutes, 17a-238 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1153 240 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-241 of the 2008  
1154 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-242 of the 2008 supplement to  
1155 the general statutes, 17a-244 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1156 statutes, 17a-246 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1157 247a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-248 of the 2008  
1158 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-270 of the 2008 supplement to  
1159 the general statutes, 17a-272 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1160 statutes, 17a-273 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1161 274 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-276 of the 2008  
1162 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-277 of the 2008 supplement to  
1163 the general statutes, 17a-281 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1164 statutes, 17a-282 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-  
1165 582 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-584 of the 2008  
1166 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-586 of the 2008 supplement to  
1167 the general statutes, 17a-587 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1168 statutes, 17a-588 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-

1169 592 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-593 of the 2008  
1170 supplement to the general statutes, 17a-594 of the 2008 supplement to  
1171 the general statutes, 17a-596 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1172 statutes, 17a-599 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17b-  
1173 28a of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17b-244 of the 2008  
1174 supplement to the general statutes, 17b-244a of the 2008 supplement to  
1175 the general statutes, 17b-337 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1176 statutes, 17b-340 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 17b-  
1177 492b of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 19a-24 of the 2008  
1178 supplement to the general statutes, 19a-411 of the 2008 supplement to  
1179 the general statutes, 19a-580d of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1180 statutes, 20-14j of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 20-571 of  
1181 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 45a-670 of the 2008  
1182 supplement to the general statutes, 45a-674 of the 2008 supplement to  
1183 the general statutes, 45a-676 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1184 statutes, 45a-677 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 45a-  
1185 681 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 45a-682 of the 2008  
1186 supplement to the general statutes, 45a-692 of the 2008 supplement to  
1187 the general statutes, 46a-11a of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1188 statutes, 46a-11c of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 46a-11f  
1189 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, 54-56d of the 2008  
1190 supplement to the general statutes, 54-102g of the 2008 supplement to  
1191 the general statutes and 54-102h of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1192 statutes.

1193 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 17a-42 of the general statutes is  
1194 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1195 *1, 2008*):

1196 (b) Under sections 17a-112 and 45a-717, the court may order that a  
1197 child be photo-listed not later than thirty days after the termination of  
1198 parental rights as a condition of granting an order of termination of  
1199 parental rights if the court determines that it is in the best interests of  
1200 the child. Under subdivision (4) of subsection [(k)] (m) of section 46b-  
1201 129 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this  
1202 act, the court may order that a child be photo-listed not later than

thirty days after the approval of a permanency plan for adoption if the court determines that it is in the best interest of the child. The court shall not order that a child twelve years of age or older be photo-listed unless the child consents to such photo-listing.

Sec. 20. Section 17a-75 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

For the purposes of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, the following terms shall have the following meanings: "Business day" means Monday through Friday except when a legal holiday falls thereon; "child" means any person less than sixteen years of age; "court" means the Superior Court-Juvenile Matters or the Court of Probate, unless either court is specifically stated; "hospital for mental illness of children" means any hospital, which provides, in whole or in part, diagnostic or treatment services for mental disorders of children, but shall not include any correctional institution of this state; "mental disorder" means a mental or emotional condition which has substantial adverse effects on a child's ability to function so as to jeopardize his or her health, safety or welfare or that of others, and specifically excludes mental retardation; "parent" means parent or legal guardian, including any guardian appointed under the provisions of subsection [(i)] (k) of section 46b-129 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, or sections 45a-132, 45a-593 to 45a-597, inclusive, 45a-603 to 45a-622, inclusive, 45a-629 to 45a-638, inclusive, 45a-707 to 45a-709, inclusive, 45a-715 to 45a-718, inclusive, 45a-724 to 45a-737, inclusive, or 45a-743 to 45a-756, inclusive.

Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 17a-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

(b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall furnish protective services or provide and pay, wholly or in part, for the care and protection of children other than those committed by the Superior Court whom the commissioner finds in need of such care and

1235 protection from the state, and such payments shall be made in  
1236 accordance with the provisions of subsection [(l)] (n) of section 46b-129  
1237 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act,  
1238 provided the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall be  
1239 responsible for billing and collecting such sums as are determined to  
1240 be owing and due from the parent of the noncommitted child in  
1241 accordance with section 4a-12 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
1242 statutes and subsection (b) of section 17b-223.

1243 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 17a-111b of the general statutes is  
1244 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1245 *1, 2008*):

1246 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall make  
1247 reasonable efforts to reunify a parent with a child unless the court (1)  
1248 determines that such efforts are not required pursuant to subsection  
1249 (b) of this section or subsection (j) of section 17a-112, or (2) has  
1250 approved a permanency plan other than reunification pursuant to  
1251 subsection [(k)] (m) of section 46b-129 of the 2008 supplement to the  
1252 general statutes, as amended by this act.

1253 Sec. 23. Subsection (j) of section 45a-717 of the general statutes is  
1254 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1255 *1, 2008*):

1256 (j) In the case where termination of parental rights is granted, the  
1257 guardian of the person or statutory parent shall report to the court  
1258 within thirty days of the date judgment is entered on a case plan, as  
1259 defined by the federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of  
1260 1980, as amended from time to time, for the child. At least every three  
1261 months thereafter, such guardian or statutory parent shall make a  
1262 report to the court on the implementation of the plan. The court may  
1263 convene a hearing upon the filing of a report and shall convene a  
1264 hearing for the purpose of reviewing the plan no more than twelve  
1265 months from the date judgment is entered or from the date of the last  
1266 permanency hearing held pursuant to subsection [(k)] (m) of section

1267 46b-129 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes as amended by  
 1268 this act, if the child or youth is in the care and custody of the  
 1269 Commissioner of Children and Families, whichever is earlier, and at  
 1270 least once a year thereafter until such time as any proposed adoption  
 1271 plan has become finalized. If the Commissioner of Children and  
 1272 Families is the statutory parent for the child, at such a hearing the  
 1273 court shall determine whether the department has made reasonable  
 1274 efforts to achieve the permanency plan.

1275 Sec. 24. Section 46b-130 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 1276 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

1277 The parents of a minor child for whom care or support of any kind  
 1278 has been provided under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable  
 1279 to reimburse the state for such care or support to the same extent, and  
 1280 under the same terms and conditions, as are the parents of recipients of  
 1281 public assistance. Upon receipt of foster care maintenance payments  
 1282 under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act by a minor child, the right of  
 1283 support, present, past, and future, from a parent of such child shall, by  
 1284 this section, be assigned to the Commissioner of Children and  
 1285 Families. Referral by the commissioner shall promptly be made to the  
 1286 Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services  
 1287 for pursuit of support for such minor child in accordance with the  
 1288 provisions of section 17b-179 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
 1289 statutes. Any child who reimburses the state under the provisions of  
 1290 subsection [(l)] (n) of section 46b-129 of the 2008 supplement to the  
 1291 general statutes, as amended by this act, for any care or support such  
 1292 child received shall have a right of action to recover such payments  
 1293 from such child's parents.

1294 Sec. 25. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Sections 17a-4a, 17a-6b, 17a-6c, 17a-21,  
 1295 17a-91a, 17a-116b and 46b-121m of the general statutes are repealed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section



Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	17a-11(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	46b-129
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-3
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-6(b)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-27f
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	46a-13l
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-4
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-1
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-22b(a)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-145
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-37
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-22c
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-450a(b)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-210c(b)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-42(b)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-75
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-90(b)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17a-111b(a)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	45a-717(j)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	46b-130
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	Repealer section